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## Amendment of Claims 19, 18 & 22

It is respectfully requested that amendment of claims 18 & 22 as submitted herewith be entered.

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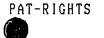
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18.(Eight Times Amendment) A method for protecting software from unauthorised use, by restricting the use thereof to be under control of a single person, comprising a sub-method; said sub-method comprising the steps of:

- establishing a communication between a processing apparatus, say, first processing apparatus and a remote electronic transaction system;
- (b) verifying said person having a valid account, by said remote electronic transaction system, basing on authenticated information related to said person, said information being communicated to said remote electronic transaction system from said processing apparatus;
- (c) using a valid account being verified as a pre-condition for [determining from said processing apparatus information related to the hardware or/and software thereof, for future reference in step (d) below; thereafter]
- (d) [authenticating a processing apparatus, say, second processing apparatus, basing on at least a part of said information related to said hardware or/and software;]
- (e) [using said second processing apparatus being determined as authentic as a pre-condition for] permitting use of said software on said second processing apparatus[, with no charge];

wherein said sub-method a cost is being charged from said account; and thereafter, said sub-method being capable of being used on a processing apparatus, say, [third] second processing apparatus, without re-charging from said account said cost.





## -22(Dirty Version)-

22. (Third Times Amendment) A software product comprising computer code for causing one or more processing apparatus to perform the method of claim 1, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or 21;

a computer readable medium [storing] having said computer code.

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- 18. A method for protecting software from unauthorised use, by restricting the use thereof to be under control of a single person, comprising a sub-method; said sub-method comprising the steps of :
- establishing a communication between a processing apparatus, say, first (a) processing apparatus and a remote electronic transaction system;
- verifying said person having a valid account, by said remote electronic (b) transaction system, basing on authenticated information related to said person, said information being communicated to said remote electronic transaction system from said processing apparatus;
- using a valid account being verified as a pre-condition for permitting use (c) of said software on said second processing apparatus; wherein said sub-method a cost is being charged from said account; and thereafter, said sub-method being capable of being used on a processing apparatus, say, second processing apparatus, without re-charging from said account said cost.
- 19. A method for protecting software from unauthorised use, as claimed by claim
- 18, wherein no charge for repeating said sub-method .

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- 22. A software product comprising computer code for causing one or more processing apparatus to perform the method of claim 1, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20 or 21
- a computer readable medium having said computer code.